(c) As per the information received from Andhra Pradesh, periodical observations on the monthly reports by Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) since 2005-06 regarding poor power fluctuations in Andhra Pradesh are nil. However, it made an observation on the following issues:

(i) Response to normal fuse of calls;

(ii) Meter related complaints;

(iii) Billing mistakes; and

(iv) Category change and title transfer request.

(d) The various measures taken to address the problem of power fluctuations include commissioning of sub-stations, adding of new distribution transformers, commissioning of capacitor banks and reducing the length of feeder lines by inserting intermediate poles and distribution transformers etc.

**Use of fly ash generated by Thermal Stations**

856. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) thermal stations are generating nearly 34 MTA of fly ash per annum;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the fly ash comprises of un-burnt carbon, cenospheres, alumino-silicate aggregates, magnetite and/or hematite;

(c) whether all these constituents, if properly separated and recovered have commercial value and could give huge profits to NTPC which may help it to reduce the cost of power; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to start processing units by NTPC or by private operators?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) NTPC's thermal stations are generating nearly 39 million tonnes of fly ash per annum.

(b) Fly ash comprises of very low quantities of un-burnt carbon, cenospheres, quartz, mullite, magnetite and/or hematite.

(c) and (d) Presently, no techno-economically viable methods are available to separate these constituents from fly ash.

**Investment ceiling of joint power ventures**

857. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have moved a proposal to do away with the existing Rs. 1000 crore investment ceiling applicable to Public Sector Units for forming joint ventures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and